

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. An Office Action mailed January 17, 2007 rejected Claims 1-5, 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and objected to Claims 6-9 and 15-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant hereby amends Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 10-14 as being anticipated by *Morimoto et al.* (hereinafter *Morimoto*). The Office Action states that *Morimoto* teaches a method for correcting an optical beam for spherical aberration in a scanning imaging system. With regard to amended independent Claims 1 and 10, Applicant hereby respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that *Morimoto* discloses correction of fixed spherical aberrations caused by internal system optics. Applicant submits that *Morimoto* fails to teach or suggest correcting the received optical beam for an unknown amount of spherical aberration caused by an external source. Therefore, Applicant submits that amended independent Claims 1 and 10 are allowable over the cited reference.

Applicant has amended Claims 6 and 15 to put them into independent form including all the subject matter of their base claim. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 6-9 and 15-18 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests

withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

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